

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 22, 2019

BAPTISM: During Mass on the weekends; if outside of Mass, on Saturday or Sunday afternoon only. If this is your first child to be baptized, you must meet with Msgr. Rick Colletti for instructions. Please call the St. Adrian Parish office at 507-483-2317 prior to setting the date of the baptism.

MARRIAGE: Please make arrangements at least six months in advance. Your first visit with Msgr. Rick Colletti will be to set the date of your wedding. Please call the St. Adrian Parish Office at (507) 483-2317. Marriage Preparation Course is required



Diocese of
Winona-Rochester



*Let the Lord enter,
He is King of Glory. ~ Psalm 24*

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† *All for the greater glory of God!* †

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Mon 12/23 8:30 AM (A) No Mass

Christmas Mass Schedule for the 4 Christmas Masses

Tues 12/24 4:00 PM (A) † Nyla Bullerman
Tues 12/24 6:00 PM (W) † Glen Pearson
Tues 12/24 8:00 PM (K) † Arvin Loosbrock
Wed 12/25 9:00 AM (A) † Keith Galles, Jason Galles
Thurs 12/26 8:30 AM (A) No Mass
Fri 12/27 8:30 AM (W) No Mass

Weekend Mass Schedule

Sat 12/28 5:00 PM (K) † JoAnn Scheffler
† Bruce Loosbrock
Sun 12/29 8:30 AM (W) † Vincent Persing
† Cade Stensland
Sun 12/29 10:30 AM (A) † Rita Lonneman
† Sonny, Tim & Nick Henning

Confessions: Half-hour before weekend Masses

Catholic Ministry Appeal



Goals for 2019
St. Adrian: \$17,860.....\$13,230.00
St. Anthony: \$ 7,720.....\$ 7,188.32
OLGC: \$ 8,050.....\$ 6,800.00

ONLINE GIVING – WEB LINKS

<http://giving.parishsoft.com/stanthonygiving> ~ St. Anthony
<http://giving.parishsoft.com/stadriangiving> ~ St. Adrian
<http://giving.parishsoft.com/olgcgiving> ~ OLGC

ST. ADRIAN

Sacrificial Giving – December 15, 2019- 10:30 AM

Envelopes: \$3,714.00 ~ Offertory: \$239.00 ~ Youth: \$10.00
Christmas Flowers: \$160.00 ~ Utilities: \$954.00
Online Giving: \$155.00

Roof Fund Goal: \$130,000.00

Amount Received: \$129,485.97 **Donors:** 109

Calendar Raffle Winner: December 25, 2019: Kay Cox

Ministry Schedule: December 24, 2019: 4:00 PM

Lectors: Rod Scheidt, Dave Eickhoff
Servers: Taylor Boltjes, Caleb Wolf, need 2 more servers
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Jodi Thier, Michael Wagner, Tina Schlichte, Mackenzie Wolf, Austin Wolf, Rita Von Holtum, Rod Scheidt
Ushers: Duane Boltjes, Michael Wagner, Matt Schlichte, Austin Wolf


Ministry Schedule: December 25, 2019: 9:00 AM

Lectors: Dave Eickhoff, Rod Scheidt
Servers: Taylor Boltjes, need 2 more servers
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Rod Scheidt, Dave Eickhoff, need 5 more
Ushers: Duane Boltjes, need 3 more

Ministry Schedule: December 29, 2019: 10:30 AM

Lectors: Susan Bullerman, Pam Konz
Servers: Brock Henning, Julia Bullerman, Kaylynn Urdahl
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Ryan Kruger, Lisa Kruger, Pam Konz, Gary Honermann, Sharan Honermann, Jodi Thier, Rod Scheidt

Thank you The family of Franny Lonneman is so grateful for the many acts of kindnesses, sympathy cards, memorials and food. Thank you for thinking of us during this difficult time. God bless.
~ Suzi and family.

 **Bible Study:** For anyone interested in joining us for a Bible Study, materials will be available **Sunday, December 29th** after the 10:30 AM Mass in the church hall. Our first meeting will be **January 5th** after Mass in the church hall.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

Sacrificial Giving – December 15, 2019 – 8:30 AM

Envelopes: \$985.00 ~ Offertory: \$201.00 ~ Youth: \$22.65
Christmas Flowers: \$80.00 ~ Retired Religious: \$10.00
Online Giving: \$195.00

Calendar Raffle Winner: December 25, 2019:


John & Marlene Jueneman


Ministry Schedule: December 24, 2019: 6:00 PM

Lector: Gary Sieve
Servers: Kamryn Spartz, Tarren Spartz, Jayden Spartz, Hunter Penning
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Sharon Balster, Jim & Joan Joens, Bill Slater, Gene & Carol Bertrand, Carolyn Penning

Ministry Schedule: December 29, 2019: 8:30 AM

Lector: Sandra Roskamp
Servers: Morgan Penning, Makayla Brunk, Kaitlyn Brunk
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Cindy Penning, Mark Slater, Gary & Joyce Sieve, Tarri Joens, Kathy Burkard, JoAnn Burkard

 **Welcome Newly Baptized!** Please join us in welcoming Jayden Thomas Spartz, the son of Thomas and Kristina (Schettler) Spartz, who was baptized Sunday, December 15th at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish. We pray that God will continue to bless their family.

 **OLGC Christmas Choir:** We would like to invite anyone 15 years of age and older to be a part of our Christmas Choir at OLGC for the Christmas Eve Mass at 6:00 PM. **Our last practice will be Sunday, December 22 after Mass in Wilmont.**



OLGC Calendar Raffle: The OLGC Calendar Raffle will be held after Mass on **Sunday, January 26th**. All tickets will need to be turned in whether sold or not. All tickets must be turned in before 10:00 AM on Sunday, January 26th. Thank you!

ST. ANTHONY / ST. KILIAN

Sacrificial Giving – December 14, 2019- 5:00 PM

Envelopes: \$880.00 ~ Offertory: \$166.00 ~ Youth: \$4.00
Retired Religious: \$100.00 ~ Christmas Flowers: \$260.00
Online Giving: \$195.00

Plastering & Painting Project Goal: \$182,000.00

Money Available from past Roofing Project & Rooted in Faith:
\$68,000.00

Current Amount Received for Plaster/Painting Project: **\$50,735.45**

Total to date: \$118,735.45

Amount Still Needed for full project goal: \$63,264.55

Calendar Raffle: Christmas: Shari Lenz

Ministry Schedule: December 24, 2019: 8:00 PM

Lector: Deb Lutmer, Gene Metz

Servers: Mason Wieneke, Cheyenna John

Sacristan: Marge Loosbrock

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Laura Fodness
Jerry & Julie Brake

Ministry Schedule: December 28, 2019: 5:00 PM

Lector: Linda Loonan

Servers: Lucas Koehne, Maddie Koehne

Sacristan: Joyce Erdman

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Shirley Wieneke
Cliff & Tammi Altman

Thank You The family of Mary Ann Spieker would like to thank everyone for the prayers and expressions of sympathy in the loss of our mother. A special thank you to Father Colletti for his visits during her final days and the beautiful funeral Mass. We appreciate the ladies for providing and serving the delicious luncheon. We would also like to thank Roxanne for her visits and prayers. Mom loved St. Anthony Church and all the parishioners. We will always remember the love and support she received all these years. God bless you all.

Reminder: Weekend Mass will now be celebrated on Saturdays at St. Kilian Oratory at **5:00 PM** until the Painting Project is complete. Wednesday Morning Mass will be held in the Parish House in Lismore at 8:30 AM.



Choir Practice for the 8:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass will be held on **Monday, December 23rd at 6:30 PM** at St. Kilian Oratory. All singers are welcome to join us!

Christmas Eve Mass will be at 8:00 PM on December 24th at St. Kilian. Please join us in singing traditional Christmas Carols at 7:30 PM. Everyone is welcome!

Church Envelopes for 2020 are located at the entrance of the church at St. Kilian. Please take home your family box(s). Thank you.

Thank You **Thank You** to all students and adults who helped unload the scaffolding and material to begin the plastering and painting project at church. Your help was much appreciated!

FAITH FORMATION 2019 - 2020

The Edge and high school classes will be taking a break until January when we will begin meeting in Adrian.

Save the Date! The Confirmation Classes (gr 10 and 11) will be going to **The Banquet West** on **Wednesday, January 8th** to serve the meal there. We will meet at the Adrian High School at 4:15 to carpool to Sioux Falls. Adult drivers will be needed, and any adult, including parents and sponsors of the students, is welcome to attend with the class. To volunteer to drive or to go over early to make the meal, call Pam Konz at 507-483-2480. All students are expected to attend as part of their confirmation preparation.

Second graders will be celebrating First Reconciliation on **Saturday, January 18th at 9:00 AM**. To prepare for this sacrament, we will have a parent meeting on Wednesday, January 8 at 7:00 PM at St. Adrian Ed Center, and **Learning Centers** for parent and child on **Wednesday, January 15th**. More details will follow in the bulletin, but please save these dates on your calendar.

Faith Formation Office: Faith Formation Office hours are 10-5, M-F. Call Pam at 507-483-2480 or 507-290-0080 or Mary at 507-483-2317 to reserve the ed center for family events.

PARISH LEADERSHIP

Parish Cluster Pastoral Council Meeting: The next Parish Cluster Council Meeting will be held on **Monday, January 6th at 7:00 PM** at St. Adrian Church.

St. Anthony Finance Council will next meet on **Thursday, January 30th at 7:00 PM** in the Parish House.

OF INTEREST TO ALL



Inquiry classes for RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) will meet **Sunday, December 22nd at 7:00 PM** at the St. Adrian Ed Center This is for anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church or in learning more about it. Bring along all your questions about why we do what we do it. If you have questions or are interested in Inquiry but are unable to meet on the 15th, call the Faith Formation Office at 507-483-2480 and talk to Pam Konz.



Parish Offices: The parish offices in the Education Building will be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.





COMFORTING THOSE WHO MOURN: Sometimes the holidays can be extremely difficult for someone who has lost a loved one, especially if this is the "first" Christmas after your loved one has passed. Following are some practical tips for getting through the holidays: 1. Buy a Christmas candle and light it each day as a gentle reminder of your loved one. 2. Plan your shopping trips ahead of time or try creative alternatives. 3. Enlist the help of others in wrapping your gifts. 4. Give yourself permission to change family traditions. For example: if you normally host the family gathering and find it too overwhelming, be open with your family and find an option that works. 5. Consider having other family members add their thoughts for your usual Christmas card if writing a note this year is just too much. 6. Try a new idea when hanging up Christmas stockings. Have each family member write a memory of your loved one and place it in their stocking and read the memories when you are all together as a family. 7. Determine to do one special thing for someone else during the holiday season. 8. Contribute to your favorite charity in your loved one's name. 9. Pamper yourself. Get yourself a gift you have always wanted or needed. Or get a massage, spa treatment, or use your imagination to do something that brings you joy or relaxation within your budget. 10. Plan on taking time to cry. So many sights, smells, places, and sounds bring back memories. It's good to let out those tears, they can heal and release toxins. Schedule some time, put on some Christmas music, and cry. Allow yourself to feel and let it out in a healthy way throughout the day. If need be, set a timer and visit your grief when you decide to. This may help to alleviate the fear that you will start crying whenever. If you or a loved one are struggling with your grief journey, please contact Leslie Slater -Parish Counselor 483-2317 Ext. 226 or outreachslater@gmail.com.

12 Day Pilgrimage: 12 Europe and Oberammergau Day Pilgrimage – **July 6 to 17, 2020** * Roundtrip Airfare from Minneapolis * 2 Meals A Day * First Class Hotels Tips to Guides & Drivers. The spiritual directors will be Father Michael Cronin, Pastor of St. Mary's Parish in Winona and Father James Burns, President of St. Mary's University of Minnesota. For further information, contact Father Michael Cronin (507) 452-5656 or email MNGermany2020@gmail.com.

The Christ Our Life Conference is a Catholic Conference held every other year in Des Moines, IA. The next conference will be held on **September 26 & 27, 2020** at the Wells Fargo Arena. Anyone interested in going can go on-line to Christourlifeiowa.com to find out more details regarding speakers, lodging, directions, event parking etc... Rooms fill fast so make your reservations NOW! If you have questions, please contact Julie Brake (507) 472-8777.



6th Grade Boys Singing Carols with Father Colletti – Edge Night 12-18-19

The Pastor's Corner:

Today's readings for this last Sunday of Advent deal with the reality of faith. Isaiah gives us a negative example, Matthew a positive one. Paul develops the notion of personal commitment as the underpinnings of faith. All three see belief as acceptance of God's presence. Ahaz, the Judean king, realizes that the Israelite and Aramean kings are seeking to overthrow him. Isaiah urges Ahaz to remain calm, to ask for a sign from Yahweh. The ruler rejects this notion and so reveals his impiety. Isaiah gives a sign anyway: The wife of Ahaz will bear a child to ensure the integrity of the Davidic dynasty. The child's symbolic name defines faith -- "Immanuel," that is, "God is with us." Paul addresses the Christian community of Rome. He speaks about Christ who has conferred on him the office of apostle.

The gospel passage intends to explain the irregular genealogy of Jesus (*Matthew 1:1-17*). If Jesus does not have a human father, how can he be called "son of David"? Matthew's solution is to have Joseph accept legal paternity for the Child, ensuring his Davidic ancestry. Joseph's openness to God's will makes possible the "God with us" that is at the heart of all belief.

Our celebration of Christmas reflects a deep and total acceptance of Jesus and his message of peace on earth and goodwill toward all people. As Advent closes and Christmas dawns, we look to the Person born again in our hearts, the Person who is "God with us."

Merry Christmas, and I look forward to seeing you and your families at our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. Remember to invite your friends and relatives to join us, especially from out of town or if they do not have a Church to celebrate the Feast of Christmas.

~Father Colletti

St. Anthony Project Begins!

